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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A map information display control device, comprising:
a map information acquirer which acquires map information;
an information acquirer which acquires a plurality of map component information forming the map information [[with]], the plurality of map component information respectively representing at least one of traffic information relating to a traffic status or feature information relating to a feature;

a time information acquirer which acquires a time information relating to a time when at which the plurality of map component information is acquired by the information acquirer is acquired or generated to be contained in the plurality of map component information, the time being set as a start time;

a timer which counts an elapsed time from the start time up to a current time; ~~based on the time information;~~ and

a display controller which controls a display unit to display the map information and the plurality of map component information, one of the plurality of map component information of which the elapsed time exceeds a predetermined time period being displayed with and to ~~superpose the map component information relating to the elapsed time having exceeded a predetermined time period on the map information in a display pattern with higher transparency than the other of the plurality of [[the]] map component information relating to of which the elapsed time not having~~ has not exceeded the predetermined time period.

Claims 2 - 5 (canceled)

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Claim 6 (currently amended): The map information display control device according to claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein the display controller changes the display pattern of the one of the plurality of map component information ~~of the information relating to the elapsed time having exceeded the predetermined time period.~~

Claim 7 (currently amended): The map information display control device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a map information storage which stores the map information; and

an information storage which can store plural pieces of information, in each piece each of the plurality of map component information and the time information at which the each of the plurality of map component information is generated being associated.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): The map information display control device according to claim 7, wherein the information storage stores the ~~plural pieces of~~ plurality of map component information by associating unique identification information with each type of the plurality of map component information.

Claim 10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): The map information display control device according to claim ~~[[7]]~~ 2, wherein when the information acquirer acquires ~~[[the]]~~ updated map component

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information of which ~~same~~ unique identification information ~~as one of~~ is identical with the
unique identification information associated with one of the stored ~~plural pieces of~~ plurality of
map component information, the information storage conducts an updating by replacing the one
of the stored ~~plural pieces of~~ plurality of map component information with ~~one piece of the~~
updated map component information, ~~associated with the time information corresponding to the~~
~~same map component information.~~

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): The map information display control device according to
claim 11, wherein when recognizing the updating, the display controller displays the updated
map component information ~~relating to the replaced information~~ in a different pattern from the
other of the plurality of map component information.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): The map information display control device according to
claim 1, wherein the display controller displays the plurality of map component information such
that a difference in transparency becomes large as the elapsed time becomes long.

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): A map information display control-system comprising: